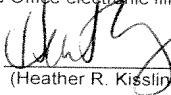


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Dear Madam:

In response to the Office Action dated August 5, 2008, finally rejecting claims 1-3, 5-13, 19, 21-23, and 26-30, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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This paper is accompanied by a petition for a three month extension of time and fee, as well as a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and RCE fee. Please charge any additional fees due in connection with this paper to deposit account number 13-2855, order number 30187/41217.